

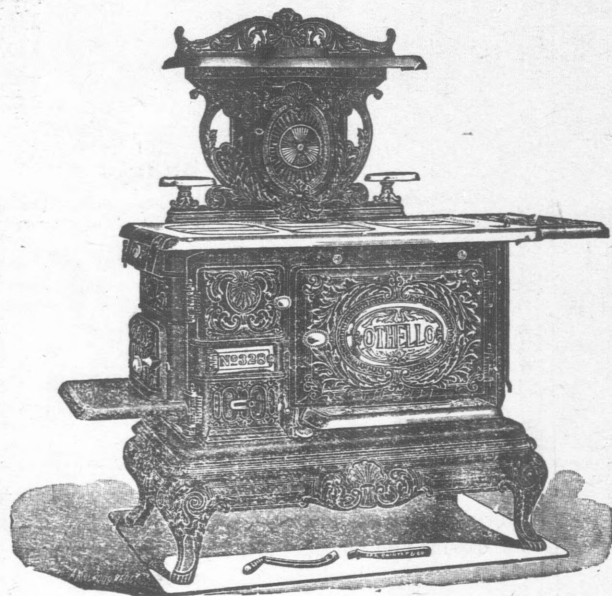
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CHANGE IN MARRIAGE LAWS

Delaware will cease to be a Gretna Green for elopers from other States if either of two bills given notice of by Representative Drexler or Representative Gillis becomes a law.

Representative Gillis gave notice of a bill to regulate marriages in Delaware. It is a measure prepared by a committee of the Ministerial Union of Wilmington. It prohibits the marriage of close relatives and the marriage of white persons with negroes or mulattoes. Any such marriage solemnized shall be void, and parties thereto shall be liable to \$100 fine.

Anybody who shall knowingly issue the license to such parties or shall perform or assist in the ceremony of marrying, such forbidden marriages shall be liable to \$100 fine or 30 days in prison.

The clergymen and the Mayor of Wilmington may perform marriage ceremonies. Licenses shall be issued by Clerks of the Peace and Justices of the Peace. Any person falsely solemnizing marriages will be liable to \$100 fine.

The marriage of males under 21 and females under 18 years is prohibited without the written consent of parent or guardian to be filed with the Clerk of the Peace. The issuance of licenses to intoxicated or insane persons is prohibited. Applicants for licenses must answer the prescribed questions under oath and false answers shall be deemed perjury.

It is made unlawful for any person to advertise in a newspaper circulating in Delaware willingness to perform marriages under penalty of \$25 fine.

Bottled Message Found

Supt. Tunnell of the Cape Henlopen Life Saving Station sent a message to Lewes Thursday morning, that Surfman Timmons, while patrolling the beach, found a pickle bottle in which was a piece of brown paper, containing the following message: "We are just leaving the Schooner McQuillen. She is about to go down. Capt. Williams and mate are washed overboard. No one left but the crew. We are just leaving her in the boat. We hope to be picked up soon, but there is nothing in sight at present. We hope this will be found by some one, as we cannot live much longer in this weather. The Schooner ref. red to, was the Robt. McQuillen, which left port last December one year ago, under command of Capt. C. T. Williams, of Lewes. This is the first news received in regards to the ship or crew."

The bottled message bore no date and did not say in what latitude the ship was sailing when abandoned.

What Makes a Town?

In the first place a town, which is to be considered more than just a creeping village, must have a few at least, of real, unselfish, progressive citizens, who are willing to shoulder a portion of the responsibility for its future, both in personal work and financial assistance in every effort put forth or suggested that will increase its attractiveness either commercially or morally and in other social conditions. A town cannot thrive and grow wherein the financially responsible men do not agree on any other point than in looking out for themselves. Co-operation is necessary in building a business, and so it is necessary in building a town to make it a success. Whenever the men who have the money and the business ability in any community, get down to real earnest pulling together, the same community rapidly blossoms forth into a town, and grows continuously as long as the co-operation keeps up.

What makes a town?

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

After frying doughnuts, place the kettle of hot grease out of doors and pour in a little cold water, enough to make the grease bubble. This will take out the burnt taste, and the grease may be used again.

To fill floor cracks, get a pound of glue let it stand overnight covered with water, and stir it into a pound of cornstarch. Fill the cracks with this and smooth off with a knife.

In cold weather put the clothespins in a pan and set in the oven until they are hot. Then the fingers will not suffer when hanging out clothes, especially if the clothes are rinsed the last time in warm water.

In mixing mustard, use warm, never hot water. If the water is too warm it will make the sediment flat. A delicious mustard with equal parts of olive oil and tarragon vinegar.

Vinegar flavored with different herbs will be found a delightful adjunct to various salads. Put fresh, dry herbs in a clean bottle, cover with vinegar, corking tightly. Put the bottle in a kettle of water and remove as soon as warm.

A clever device for letting the oil drip slowly from the bottle when making a salad dressing is this: Cut two grooves in the cork on opposite sides; one groove admits air, while the other permits the oil to run slowly and evenly.

To thoroughly clean a porcelain sink, take equal parts of chloride of lime and a good soap powder, rub well and then follow with lemon juice and salt. Let this remain on for several hours, and all rust spots will disappear.

To cook canned corn without heating remove the paper from the can and put in the tea kettle to boil for 15 minutes. Then open and pour the corn into a hot buttered dish. Season with a dash of salt and pepper and a little cream.

White felt hats can be successfully cleaned with a paste of magnesia and cold water, which should be applied with a brush and allowed to dry. When the magnesia is perfectly dry it can be brushed off, and the hat should be perfectly clean.

To clean white marble wash it thoroughly with soap and water; then brush it over well, especially in the crevices, with whitening, mixed with a little blue, as used for ceilings. Allow to dry thoroughly and then rub with clean, dry cloth.

To wash chamois leather, make a weak solution of soda and warm water, or soap and warm water, put in the leather and let it soak for two hours. Bob well with soap and rinse thoroughly in warm, soapy water. Wring in a rough towel and dry quickly in the open air. Pull until soft.

To clean white marabout feathers, dissolve a teaspoonful of washing powder in a pint of boiling water and let it party cool. Hold the feathers by the stems for a few minutes. Rinse in the same manner and shake gently in the open air or in a warm place indoors until they dry.

To prepare glass for drawing plates or for other purposes for which obscure glass is used, lay the sheet of glass on a soft cloth, sprinkle a little emery powder on it and then rub with a piece of rough stone until the desired effect is obtained. Wash thoroughly and the glass is then fit for use.

A unique lunch for a traveler is made by cutting the end from a loaf of baker's bread, taking out half the soft center, filling the cavity with fried or broiled steaks, a few pickles or olives, and putting back the end.

To wash white silk, wash carefully in the usual way, add one tablespoonful of wood alcohol to the rinsing water. It will prevent the silk from becoming yellow. This is recommended by one who has had great success in laundering white silk garments in this way.

To set green, blue, lavender and pink colors in wash goods soak in alum water before washing, two ounces to a tub of water. Black, dark blue, and gray should be soaked in strong salted water.

When choking, the sufferer should be made to drink water as quickly as possible. The old fashioned remedy of slapping on the back will often cause the obstruction in the throat to dislodge. If water will remove the bone or whatever may be in the throat, swallowing some hard edible, such as stale bread, will often prove successful.

Thumb tacks driven into the outside of the bed, where it is most likely to wear down, are the invitation of a girl who was ten miles from a shoemaker, if not from a lion, when the need for such ministrations showed itself. But with the round heads there is no danger of slipping on hardwood floors, on stairs or on the pavement.

A radiator in a pretty home has been concealed by a head portiere hung from a board that just fits the top of the heater and fixed to the wall just above it.

An attractive way to arrange flowers with short stems is to weave over the top of the bowl or vase that contains them a fine leathery vine such as asparagus or amaranth. Through this green network stick the flower stems. A few flowers may be bought to make quite a display by this manner of arrangement.

Picture postcards that mean something to the guests are often used as luncheon or dinner cards. Some of the postcards picked up abroad are of genuine artistic merit, and the woman with a collection will find many uses for them.

A heavy rocking chair that is hard to move may be waxed the rockers, be made to slide easily.

Never throw away popcorn that refuses to pop, because it is too dry. Sprinkle it with water about five minutes before using and usually every kernel will pop.

When a clock refuses to run, try putting a small dish of coal oil in the clock. The oil will evaporate and loosen up the works.

Powdered alum mixed with a third as much talcum and applied with a flannel will polish gold brail.

A cup of sweet milk added to the water in which oatmeal is cooking makes it richer and better flavor.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 10, 1911.

WITH a scant three weeks of the Congressional session remaining, not one of the important measures before Congress when the session began has been disposed of. Reciprocity with Canada marked a new line of cleavage among the Republicans and Democrats in Washington. Early in the present week Senators were hopeful that they might solve the problem by letting the reciprocity agreement severally alone, but later it was brought sharply to their attention that unless there shall be a vote on this reciprocity agreement they will be called back to Washington promptly after the 4th of March and compelled to remain until there is an expression in the Senate either for or against it. And now the President is away from Washington making speeches mainly devoted to this reciprocity with Canada question and there is a strong impression that the country, except in isolated spots, is in favor of the agreement recently made between us and northern neighbors.

The fact that the English papers and the leader of the opposition in the English Parliament are opposed to the reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States will doubtless have some influence in favor of the approval by Congress in this country. It will be many years, perhaps centuries, before the United States and British America become one country, but the dividing line must sometime fade just as the Mason and Dixon line has faded. There are a hundred reasons for the commercial, social and political solidarity of North America. There is not one valid reason in opposition. There is no possibility of the absorption of Canada by the United States or the absorption of the United States by Canada. Absorption is not to be thought of, but commerce between the two countries ought to be as free and unrestricted as between Ohio and Indiana.

There is no opposing vote in the Senate to Senator Cullum's project authorizing a Lincoln Memorial worthy of the great President and in keeping with high ideals of architectural grandeur. The form of the memorial has not been decided upon. It is left to the judgment and taste of a committee who it is hoped will make a wide and appropriate selection. There have been suggestions of a boulevard connecting Washington and Gettysburg, also a project for a triumphal arch like the Arc de Triomphe in Paris or its prototype in Rome. There is also a project to have the memorial occupy the center of the great plaza stretching from the Capitol to the Union Station. The appropriation for this monument is two millions, but it is possible that this sum will be added to before the memorial is completed.

The appropriation by the lower house of Congress for diplomatic residences in a number of European and also in some Asiatic capitals is new but needed departure in our foreign diplomatic policy. The amount for the building of or purchase of consular ambassadorial or ministerial residences is not to exceed \$150,000, but this amount will go much further in building of suitable residences for our representatives in foreign countries than it would in any American city. Now having appropriately prepared for the lodging of our diplomatic representatives, perhaps Congress can be persuaded to consider in an unrestrained way a proper uniform for our ministers, consuls and ambassadors, something different from the evening dress worn by butlers and waiters all over the world. Careful analysts know that there is just as much vanity and affectation and ostentation in Quakerlike plainness as there is in gorgeous attire, and since an overwhelming majority of the world at home and abroad get their first impressions from clothes, it is not improper that we give them through our foreign representatives a correct impression of the wealth and strength of the United States. Our affected plainness is not less ostentatious than it is deceiving.

Fifty years ago the writer of a book called "Beyond the Mississippi" expressed the popular feeling in behalf of the express companies when he told how the Wells Fargo Express Co. carried two million letters within a single year at the cost of 12 1/2 cents a letter, which he said clearly "illustrates the superiority of private enterprise, and," he argued, "abolish the postoffice department, leave this like other carrying trade, to private competition, and the mail service of the United States will be performed 50 per cent cheaper and 100 per cent better than it is today." This is very much like the anti-trust post argument we are having now.

DELAWARE SCHOOLS

Commission Advocates More Power for County Boards

The State School Commission has submitted the following report to the General Assembly:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met:

We, the undersigned, the State School Commission, appointed under and by virtue of chapter 75, volume 25, of the Laws of Delaware, passed at Dover and approved by the governor, April 7, A. D. 1909, do hereby make report to you as follows:

That after several conferences outside the State with those high in authority in school matters, and having studied the school systems of several States and the school laws and amendments thereto of our own State and carefully noting the results obtained, we call attention to some of the most undesirable parts of our present school law as follows:

The composition of the State Board of Education and the authority given this board, as set forth in volume 21, chapter 67, section 1 and 2 of the Laws of the State of Delaware.

The requirements for transferring property from one school district to another and creating new school districts as set forth in section 9 of said chapter 67, above referred to.

The requirements for uniting and consolidating school districts as set forth in section 10 of said chapter aforesaid.

The powers of the local boards of education as conflicting with those of the State Board of Education and county school commissions as set forth in section 15, aforesaid.

The notification of the election of teachers, as set forth in section 16, aforesaid.

The manner of assessing and collecting of taxes, as set forth in sections 18, 19 and 20, aforesaid.

The manner of electing, ordering and distributing of text books, as set forth in section 22, aforesaid.

The powers of county superintendents in public schools as set forth in sections 23, 24 and 25 aforesaid.

The terms upon which the school funds deposited with the Farmers Bank as set forth in section 27, aforesaid.

Appreciating that amendments will only partially improve these sections and would be but a temporary relief and benefit and as the school laws are already so amended as to be difficult of interpretation, we feel that the task of effecting a permanent remedy is too difficult to be done in any other way than by composing an entirely new code of school laws. As this will necessarily take much time we have found ourselves unable to do it satisfactorily to be ready for presentation at this session of the General Assembly; we therefore recommend that at this session the Legislature pass such bills as will bring at least temporary relief and benefit. We recommend that the several county school commissions be given authority and power in an act:

To redistrict the county under its jurisdiction into districts and appropriate money for that purpose.

To enforce their orders and instructions to local boards of education and school committees.

To consolidate two or more districts where the conditions warrant the same without any formalities as are now required.

To close any school where the conditions warrant the same and to make suitable provision for the attendance of the children upon the neighboring schools.

To make transfers of real estate where conditions warrant the same, without petition, etc., as are now required.

We further recommend:

An annual appropriation for Delaware College.

An annual appropriation for the Colored State College.

An experimental manual training school for each county.

Kindergarten for each of the high schools of the State.

An increase of the State aid for pupils attending normal schools.

That provision be made for the higher education of women (but not co-education.)

An appropriation to the colored schools for each of the counties of the county of the State.

A change in the mode of distribution of aid for outside pupils to high schools in the State—to make payment of said aid according to the number of teachers in the high school.

The introduction of a course of elementary agriculture training in our country schools—such training in text books to be supplemented by practical field work under competent instructors.

We further recommend:

An entire change in the manner and mode of making assessments and collecting taxes for school purposes throughout the State, by changing the basis of taxation from "rental value" to "real value."

We further recommend:

That the present State Commission be continued, or a new one appointed, to prepare a new code of school laws to be presented to the next General Assembly, and that said State School Commission be given powers and sufficient funds to perfect the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Charles L. Moore,
Theodore Townsend,
Frederick Brady,
State School Commission.

BEAT THE BANK

Those who have visited Monte Carlo have heard of it not seen the pitiful ruin of many an unfortunate person who has lost his last franc in playing at roulette in this platial gambling den. All are not so fortunate as to have an armored cruiser at his disposal, as was the case with a French naval officer some years ago. He had gone ashore in the morning with naught in his pockets but his own earnings. By noon it was all gone.

If he but had another 500 francs he was sure of winning. During those morning hours of failure he had worked out a system, and with just a few francs more success was certain. He would use the ship's money. Perhaps it was not just the right thing to do, but in another two hours he would be able to return it, would have recouped his own loss and have won who knows what fortune besides.

At sunset he returned to his ship a ruined man. The system, like all systems of the sort, had failed. What was to be done? To return home would mean a dishonorable discharge, lifelong disgrace, if not even more severe punishment. Death seemed the only alternative. But no; he would make one final attempt to save himself. He would force the authorities of Monte Carlo to return to him what he had lost or he would blow up their gambling palace!

As soon as he was again on board the order was: "Clear decks for action." Raise the muzzles of every gun and let them point toward the harbor of Monte Carlo. "Whatever the sailors might think of such an order mattered little; obey they must. With all haste a messenger was sent ashore with a note, and the captain meanwhile paced the deck in silence awaiting the reply—a reply which meant life or death to him.

Finally the messenger returned carrying a bag of gold coins. That night the French cruiser weighed anchor and quietly steamed out into the Mediterranean, the Captain happy that he had saved no worse and the authorities of Monte Carlo only to be rid of so dangerous a visitor.—Washington Star.

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Bachelor's Hall

BY HARRIET WHITNEY DURBIN

The main street of Bean Blossom wandered leisurely out of the village and strolled down a grass-fringed lane. Here, two little white frame houses perked up, one on each side of the lane, and between the two a young woman with hazel eyes and a dimpled chin stood one morning, looking from one to the other with a puzzled frown.

Now, why on earth didn't that absent-minded old brother of mine tell me which side of the lane his house was on? she asked vainly, of a little brown robin on the fence. Mighty easy to say a white frame house in an orchard just outside of Bean Blossom, but here are two white frame houses in orchards just outside of Bean Blossom, and the probability is that Tom does not live in both of them. Well, I can but turn to the right as the law directs, and take the chances! This gate, fastened with a peg, looks like Tom's handiwork, and that curtain at the window, with a great rip in it looks as if belonged to some poor neglected man without a wife—it's Tom's house, sure; I see a great long crooked pipe in the window. Door open and held by a flat-iron; that's another of Tom's ear marks. And I'd know his sitting room in a thousand; rugs all kicked up, chairs everywhere but where they ought to be; gun standing in a corner to be knocked down easily; dust on everything. Oh, it's Tom's house all right, but where is he? I must explore.

The young lady removed a tobacco-box from a small table, dusted a little place off carefully, and deftly deposited her hat and gloves in the clean spot. Then she went into the next room, which appeared to make some pretensions to being a kitchen. Her hands flew up in dismay. If I hadn't known it was Tom's house before, I would now, was her verdict, by the mess. That stove hasn't been blacked for a month; and covered with pans and kettles; the coffee-pot is all streaked where the coffee's been allowed to boil over—one of Tom's old tricks. Been cooking rice in an iron pot and beans in a porcelain dish, and the poor, misguided man has been trying to fry corn cakes! Look at the pieces left—Oh, what specimens, tough as leather and burned black and bitter; a wonder he's alive now. It's a mighty good thing for you, Mr. Tom Hutton, that I got here in time to save your life. I'll show you what good housekeeping is directly. But where in common sense are you?

She opened the back door and looked out. Just beyond the door-yard was the orchard, deep, cool and shady. One of the long green aisles appeared to terminate in an open square, and in the square she could see a big straw hat peering here and there in conjunction with something like a hoe-handle.

He's hoeing turnips, the young lady settled the matter in her mind, and calmly returned to the battleground of the kitchen with a resolute air. It's eleven o'clock now, she announced to herself, consulting a little round clock on the shelf, and I've got to do some hustling myself to get this kitchen in any kind of order and get up a decent meal for that mortal. It'll make him open his eyes to find a dinner ready for him that a moderately healthy ostrich could eat with safety.

Columbus, it's hot! Hottest day we've had! Ronald Fenley propped his elbow on his hoe handle, and gazed about him at numerous flourishing bean plants. Another half hour'll finish the job, but I'm getting hungry enough to eat nails; that breakfast of mine didn't seem to go to the right spot, somehow. Don't see how it is, a little bit of a woman can spin round two or three times, juggle with some flour and an egg or two and a few little things, and give you a breakfast that makes you feel as good as pie, till you get hungry again, and a big gawk of a man can work at it like a tinker and not have anything fit to eat then. Most of 'em couldn't make a decent pancake with a hammer and nails. Serves a fellow right for not having a wife. Here, me, for instance.

The young man sat down on an old box and resumed his discourse to himself. Why am I a poor old wretch of a bachelor, trying to tend my patch of farm and keep house too, instead of having a nice little woman with brown eyes to look after things? He stared wistfully into the blue of the distance. That's it, he

answered himself, at last, chopping viciously at a horse nettle with his hoe; it's because I've never been able to forget that brown-eyed girl, Jacqueline Hutton, that I met two years ago at Manitou, and then lost track of as sick as if she'd been a comet. Hutton—Hutton—that's the name of that chap that lives in the house opposite. Wonder if he could be any relation to her. Guess not; he's a great long ramrod of a skate, and she was the trimmest little rig I ever saw. Well, I'm hungry right now. Guess I'll go in and light a fire and boil up the coffee and cook a mackerel or something. He shouldered his hoe and marched up the long, cool orchard avenue. As he drew near his kitchen door, which stood ajar, a little whiff of coffee, fresh and fragrant, greeted him, followed by several other savory odors. He sniffed ecstatically.

Smells like good hot coffee—the real thing, not boiled grounds—and if I'm not losing my memory and my senses, that other's fried ham and green peas; and it almost seems like I could smell hot biscuits. Columbus, wouldn't it be great! But who's doing it all? Couldn't be Mother come all the way from California—of course not. Then who—but I'll hop in and see.

And hop up the steps he did, with agility, and into a kitchen neat and wholesome as a kitchen could be. From various saucepans and kettles came the odors that had charmed him. A shining coffee pot stood on the hearth, and a brown-eyed young lady was sailing across the kitchen towards the dining-room, bearing a plate of biscuits that looked like big, delicately-browned puff balls. She paused suddenly with a laugh. It's time you were making your appearance—she began, than almost let the plate fall, and stood staring at Mr. Fenley with startled eyes.

Miss Hutton, he exclaimed, feeling as if a star had dropped out of the sky into his little kitchen.

Yes, she faltered. I thought you were my brother Tom.

No, I'm only Ronald Fenley. I think your brother lives across the road; I've heard his name Hutton, and—

And I've come into the wrong house, and actually cooked dinner in it! Jacqueline's eyebrows went up in dismay, and her cheeks blazed, but to Ronald Fenley she looked very pretty as she stood there with the plate of biscuits in her hands.

I'm very sorry, he apologized. No, that isn't so; I'm—I can't help being glad even to have seen such a nice dinner. Of course it doesn't belong to me, though, and we'll carry it across to your brother's house.

Oh, no, indeed we won't, said Jacqueline, positively. I remember you, Mr. Fenley, and I'm very glad you're to have the dinner, after all.

The biscuits do look mighty good, returned Ronald, hungrily; I'd hate to part with 'em, and I'm awfully grateful, I assure you. But look, here, Miss Hutton, would it be any harm if you and your brother should come over and take dinner with me?

Oh, I don't think we could, Jacqueline answered, with a little embarrassed laugh. I can cook him another one very easily.

She set the biscuits down, put on her hat and gloves, caught up her little grip and was out of the door before Ronald could gather his wits together. Then, as a wild idea seized him that his gold opportunity was fleeing from him he chased out after her. Miss Hutton, he called, adding, as she turned her head, tell your brother I am coming over this evening to see him about his turnip lot. Jacqueline nodded and sped on.

There, Ronald Fenley, remarked that gentleman approvingly to himself; that's one time in your life you had a gleam of horse sense; that turnip lot idea was fine. He stood gazing on the biscuits in an ecstatic reverie. Look at 'em—look at 'em, I say, he admonished himself. Columbus, I haven't seen such biscuits since I left home—not to say anything about all this other fine truck she's fixed up! It was not until tea was over, at Mr. Tom Hutton's that afternoon, that Miss Jacqueline beheld herself to tell her brother of Mr. Fenley's intention of calling to see him regarding his turnip lot. Haven't got any turnip lot,

Tom informed her. How'd the man get that notion in his noodle? He must have thought you had.

Well, I'll just step across the road and tell him I haven't. Don't you think it would do just as well to wait until he comes? Jacqueline asked demurely.

Why, no, Tom's long, nimble legs were already on the move. Tisn't but a step across, and it's a good deed to save a neighbor the trouble of coming for nothing.

Oh, you dear old mole of a brother, grumbled Jacqueline, with a rueful laugh, as she watched him cross the road. But it was only a few minutes before Tom came swinging back with Mr. Fenley at his heels.

You made a mistake, Jacky, he reported. Mr. Fenley doesn't care about the turnip lot—he wants to talk sheep; you know I have an elegant flock.

Oh, answered Jacqueline, sedately dropping her eyes to her fancy work.

From that night Mr. Fenley grew so much interested in the subject of sheep that he had to make quite frequent calls upon his neighbor; and he came usually in the evening. Tom Hutton enjoyed the long chats they had, on his own account, but was somewhat concerned about his sister's matrimony. It must be an awful nuisance to you, he told her, compassionately, to have to sit and listen to our sheep and crop discussions.

Oh, no, she answered him, sweetly. I don't mind it the least bit.

If he wouldn't come so early, Tom considered. He ought to wait until I get through with the afternoon chores—then you wouldn't have him on your hands so long, at least.

I manage very well, said Jacqueline, amiably.

Once a week Tom rode out five miles into the country to exchange opinions and farm papers with an old farmer who lived in what was called the Gourdseed Settlement. He offered several times to take his sister along to visit the old man's family but it always happened that Jacqueline was making a cake, or setting sponge for bread, or the pantry closet needed clearing out; so Tom went alone. One pleasant, smoke-scented afternoon he returned from a trip in quite a whirl of excitement. I've asked Elsie Newton to come and stay with you a while, he told Jacqueline, and she'll be here next week—it's so dull for you.

Oh, Jacqueline smothered a dismayed exclamation, then smiled sunnily. Well, I'll fix up the spare room and bake a chocolate layer cake. How long will she stay, Tom?

Well—ah, Tom began to choke and sputter, and his tanned face grew as red as if he had been boiled. I've been so worried about you, Sis, being so lonesome-like and all that, and I—kind—of thought it would be nice for you if you had a sister-in-law to keep you company, and so—

A sister-in-law thrilled Jacqueline, dropping her soup ladle into the peach marmalade. Oh—ee—your delicious old sly boots—how elegant! I've been worrying myself into every shade of blue that ever existed because I was afraid I'd have to leave you to keep bachelor's hall again—not knowing whether you'd come and live with Ron and me or—

Ron—and you—wondered Tom, in a dazed way.

Poor, dear Bud—I suppose it was because you were so absorbed in this life business that you couldn't see an inch and a half beyond your nose—and it isn't a long nose, either, derided Jacqueline affectionately. But Mr. Ronald Fenley asserts it to be a fact that since the dinner I cooked for him by mistake on my arrival in Bean Blossom, he has never been able to take his thoughts off the cook. Of course that indicates feebleness of mind, as I pointed out to him, but—still.

Hoo-hoo-hoo-ray, yelled Tom, as a flash of understanding caught him. Good for Ron! There'll be two bachelor's halls gone to smash at one lick.

Just so, agreed his sister. Now step along, Bud, while I pour the tea. I've asked Ronald over to supper, and I see him coming across the road.

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Kill all infected fowls. Geese demand early mating. The Tamworths are an ideal bacon type. There is no room for boarders in the hen house.

A built in service may be fed silage in limited amounts.

Cowpox is a contagious disease and its origin is an uncertainty.

The food for the pig should be as lean as for any other farm animal.

There is hardly any expense in raising squabs as compared to chickens.

Egg production depends upon three things, the bird, the house and the feed.

You cannot expect success in the poultry line and have a dozen breeds.

The first thing to do in the line of active garden work is the spading of the beds.

Roots of all kinds can be fed cooked or raw, but they should be chopped up fine.

Hens need a very liberal supply of water in order to make eggs and digest their food.

Fowls do little, if any injury to either bloom or fruit if trees are in a poultry yard.

The blackberry is an important fruit, and every farm home should grow an ample supply.

See to it that the nest boxes and laying places are perfectly clean at all times, cannot become soiled.

Good seed, like a well bred animal is very essential, but that alone will not produce a crop of corn.

Farm names may be said to stand for superiority rather than for slovenliness; for science, not sloth.

Every soiled egg should be cleaned as soon as gathered, so as to prevent the shell from absorbing the stain.

To a certain extent, it is a matter of personal taste whether corn should be planted in rows or hills for the silo.

Success in pork production is largely affected by the attention given to the health and comfort of the brood sow.

One ton of average fresh manure contains 10 pounds of nitrogen; one ton of clover hay, 40 pounds of nitrogen.

The term "ripe cream" means a cream that has sufficient lactic acid from which the best quality of butter can be made.

Perhaps no calling in life brings man in closer contact with such a class of men as does the breeding of high-class animals.

Beauty has various forms. What may be beauty to one is not to another, but one will go far to find a person who will say "no Jersey for me."

The storage of squash requires a fairly well constructed wooden building, and a temperature above 45 degrees, the squash being stored on shelves.

Dairy cows of excellence can only be secured by breeding sires and dams possessing the milking qualities essential to the production of heavy, persistent milkers.

Set common hens on goose eggs at the same time you do your geese, and then let the mother geese care for all the youngsters, being careful to give them a warm dry place at night.

It is better to warm the water on the cook stove in the morning than to leave it to boil in the hen's wall consume the heat of her body in warming up cold water after she drinks it.

Almost all of the wine that is kept, fed and provided for are those brood sows which are free and carried through the winter. The feeders will have been sold about the holidays.

The draft horse trade has grown to astonishing proportions all over the country indicative of the fact that our expanding agriculture has realized keenly the need of an increase in number and weight of its draft stock.

The great value of systematically recording the return given by each cow in a herd is admitted by all experts, and without this simple method of testing the individual value of each cow it seems to be impossible to avoid losing money on certain animals which is unprofitable to keep and feed.

Young bees up to fourteen to seventeen days old do the hive work, and the older bees the field work, so that one should time the rearing of brood to have the hive overflowing with field workers as the honey flow comes on.

It is a law of nature that the excrement of all animals is poisonous to themselves and while pigs may probably follow their food it is of vital importance that their food must not be contaminated with their own excrement.

A loose board too often squeaks loudly or loses methods.

All sorts of odd jobs are in order now; and get the whitewash brush ready to flop.

Sow clover seed twice to be sure it will take, and don't forget the alkali along with the red.

It is too late when the stack has tumbled and smothered your best cow to regret not having fencd it off.

Get an extra plow point or other fixtures you may need, before you get out the plow for the spring work.

If you have any iron or other metal roofs take a comfortable spell and paint them. Get all such jobs out of the way before something else begins to crowd you.

An ounce of the fluid extract of black haw in a pint of warm water will be found very valuable for a cow threatening abortion. A half dose can be repeated in two or three hours as often as necessary.

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The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1910 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE, FEBRUARY 25th, 1911

From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING, FEBRUARY 27th, 1911

From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT DEWEY'S STORE, FEBRUARY 28th, 1911

From 1 to 4 o'clock P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

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JOHN BEITH, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

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AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL., EVERY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1911, From 1 to 5 o'clock P. M.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

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A. G. COX'S OFFICE, MIDDLETOWN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1911, From 1 to 3 P. M.

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